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MEXICO CLOSES BORDER IN FARM LABOR CRISIS

(State Fed. Release)

The foreign farm labor issue boiled over last week as Mexico closed its borders to farm workers seeking to enter the United States.

Mexico's foreign ministry office issued a statement attacking a "stop gap" plan of the United States for importing

CAL. FARM WORKERS GO JOBLESS

(State Fed. Release)

Scheduled cotton acreage cuts will put 75,000 to 80,000 employees out of work in California, according to Edward F. Hayes, head of the State Farm Placement Service.

Hayes also claims that if the state loses half its cotton crop, as proposed by Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, there will be enough machines available to harvest the entire 1954 crop by mechanical means.

And Hayes adds that he doubts if cotton farmers will replace lost cotton with any high labor crops.

Unless Congress passes new legislation this session, California's cotton plantings will be cut from a 1953 figure of 1,404,000 acres to 717,000 acres for 1954.

Against this background of unemployment on the farms, southern California citrus growers are planning to import British West Indian farm laborers for a possible low-pay job pool.

Workmen's Comp. Conference Is Feb. 13-14 in S. Frisco

(State Fed. Release)

Reservation forms were mailed last week from state AFL headquarters for the Workmen's Compensation Conference to be held February 13-14 in San Francisco.

The two-day conference will be sponsored exclusively by California State Federation of Labor.

All sessions will be held in the Building Service Employees Building, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

The conference will cover every vital phase of the state compensation law. The faculty will be comprised of members of the State Federation legal staff and authorities from the state Industrial Accident Commission.

The conference will start Saturday morning, February 13, with registration at 9:00 o'clock. Sessions will be open to AFL officials and interested unions. There will be a \$3.00 registration fee, payable at the opening session. This will be the only conference charge.

Full detail on the program will be mailed this week to affiliated unions and councils.

The conference will adjourn at 1:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Eide Reports On L.A. Meet

Thomas Eide, president of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, reported last week on his attendance at an important jurisdictional conference in Los Angeles Jan. 16.

Eide, also business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, said that problems concerning carpenters and iron workers were worked out at the conference, with mutual satisfaction.

SALINAS WORK PICK-UP DUE

Employment prospects for laborers in the Salinas area are expected to brighten greatly as soon as the rainy season is over, according to officials of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

Architects are reported busy on several projects which will call for men, projects which cannot get under way until the rains are over, it was reported.

Heavy construction in the area has been halted entirely but will be started again when rains stop, according to Bill Empie, union business agent. A bridge job at Bradley and the water main installations in Castroville are nearing completion, he added.

Area Laborers Back Lawrence For State Post

Returning delegates to the Northern California District Council of Laborers, which met Jan. 16 in San Francisco, report that action was taken to give support to Frank W. Lawrence, former president of the State Building Trades Council, in his bid for re-appointment as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

In addition to the endorsement of Lawrence, the council stressed the need for more safety engineers and for more personnel in state offices. The lengthy delays in processing claims and for handling rehabilitation programs for injured workmen were cited also.

Delegates from this area included Paul Burnett, from Laborers Union 283 of Santa Cruz County; Carl Jones, from Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, and George E. Jenkins and L. A. Casati, from Laborers Union 690 of Monterey.

Salinas Kennel Show Planned

When the Salinas Valley Kennel Club has its dog show in Salinas on May 23, quite a number of union officials and members will enter animals, it was learned last week.

The show will be held at the driving range adjoining the Rodeo Grounds and will be for all breeds, as an unbench show. Judges will be from outside the area.

Among the union people who are making plans now to enter their dogs are John Mattos, secretary of Laborers Union 272, and E. Mayfield, of the Carpenters Union.

Union members wishing information regarding the show may contact Mayfield or Dr. Wong, it was reported.



EARL A. MOORHEAD

Butchers 506 Pick Officers Throughout Area

Election of officers of Butchers Union 506 is being completed at January meetings throughout the jurisdiction of the union, in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties, according to Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary.

Installation of newly elected officers will be at February meetings, but in a few instances run-off elections will be necessary before the new officers are seated, he added. Moorhead, veteran of nearly 30 years in union office, was given a rousing vote of confidence in all areas. He was without opposition for re-election.

Results of the election in areas reported to date include:

MONTEREY

President—Barbara Moseley.
Vice President—Kenneth Baker.
Financial Secretary—Earl A. Moorhead.

Recording Secretary—Robert Beach.

Guard and Guide—William Bolland.

Executive Board—Frank Bruno, retail; Barney Davi, jobbers; Pauline Moore, wrappers.

SALINAS

President—E. T. Thornton.
Vice President—Run-off scheduled between Baldo Sanlovich and Ray Skaggs.

Recording Secretary—William Gilbert.

Financial Secretary—Earl A. Moorhead.

Guide and Guard—Kenneth Peterson.

Executive Board—George Johnson, retail; Sal Flores, by-products; Ray Artes, slaughterhouse;

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COUNCILS PLAN DELEGATE SWAP

Exchange of delegates between the Monterey County Building Trades Council and the Monterey County Central Labor Union was voted at the last building council meeting in Monterey.

Council Secretary Dial H. Miles to the labor council would be Ed to the labor council would be Ed Wilson, of Carpenters Union 1323.

Lou Ash was obligated as delegate from Glaziers Union 1621, Miles reported. Attendance at council meetings was reported greatly increased in recent months, with new affiliations and a greater volume of business causing more interest in council activity.

Barbers Adopt Contract Plan

A proposed contract which will go into effect on March 1 won favor at last week's meeting of Salinas Barbers Union 827 and was adopted by substantial vote, according to Jimmie Butler, union secretary.

The union had its installation of new officers at the meeting and transacted regular business for the first meeting of 1954.

Suggested amendments which will renovate the union's By-Laws were given second reading and passed over to the Feb. 16 meeting for third reading and adoption.

Kenneth Smith, Laborer, Dies

Members of Monterey Laborers Union 690, Kenneth I. Smith, of Carmel, passed away last week, union officials reported. He was 64 and had worked recently for Granite Construction Co. and Lykens-Foster Co.

According to George E. Jenkins, secretary of Local 690, Bro. Smith's widow is eligible for a \$1000 death benefit from the Laborers Health and Welfare Fund.

Another benefit has been paid recently to a member of Local 690, Benny Campagno, who was sent checks totaling \$223 for hospital and surgical charges in a recent operation.

Lillian Johnson Reported Better

Office Secretary Lillian Johnson of Salinas Laborers Union 272 was reported sufficiently improved after a serious and major operation last week that she was to be allowed to go home over the week-end.

Friends said that Mrs. Johnson was resting well after the operation. She is not expected back at her desk in the union office for some time, the union wishing her to take necessary time for full recuperation.

During her absence, office affairs are being handled by Mrs. Olga Fenchel.

Birthday Fete For Buck Hope

Business Agent Buck Hope of Engineers Union 3 was surprised with an impromptu birthday "party" last Thursday when he visited offices of George E. Jenkins, secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690 and president of the Monterey County Building Trades Council.

There was a birthday "cake" for Hope, and refreshments for office workers and the union officials. The engineer representative, however, was in a hurry and left before he could be given his birthday gift, it was reported.

Post Office Clerks For Pay-Raise Bill, Oppose Escalator

Washington (LPA)—The AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks has endorsed a proposed \$800 across-the-board salary raise for federal employees and rejected proposals for a cost-of-living escalator, area wage scales and job reclassification.

In a "Statement of Policy" on wage legislation, the union's national executive committee strongly supported the salary bill sponsored by Rep. Gardner R. Withrow (R, Wis), saying it would bring "the income of post office clerks to the 1939 purchasing level."

The committee noted that from 1945 to July 1, 1951, the last year for which accurate figures are available, the volume of mail handled by the Post Office rose

27.7 percent while personnel increased only 14.3 percent, demonstrating "a great increase in productivity."

Although hailing Rep. Katherine St. George (R, NY) as "our friend," the committee turned thumbs down on her "effort to solve the postal salary problem" through tying salaries to the Bureau of Labor Statistics index. Its objections were that acceptance "would mean acceptance of the principle that a wage should at all times be tied to a predetermined standard of living and that an employee has neither the right nor the hope to aspire to a better standard," that wages would be set unilaterally by the employer who could alter the index to the employees' detriment, that the St. George 2½-cent wage

change per index point is 2½ times as great as that in private business and that the proposed pay "floor" might be knocked out in Congress, leaving workers with the prospect of pay cuts.

The committee opposed "equally strongly" the abolition of national wage scales in favor of area rates, saying "To discriminate against a man because of the area in which he lives is as wrong and stupid as to discriminate against him because of race, color or creed." It pointed out that area scales are based on "a serious economic fallacy—that living costs are lower in small communities than in large municipalities." Some rents and fresh foods might be a little cheaper, it noted, but most purchases are price-fixed.

Monterey County Union Directory

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Herb Ridgeway, 224 Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead, Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849; Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Elide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Secy-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, Office in Glikburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merline Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Staten; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Isell, office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder, Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight, office, Room 18, Glikburg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 7787.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 1177 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Box 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Stewes, 1314 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRassie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS and MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 327 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call, Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1301A Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln, Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2568.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months; Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Bey, 205 Dodoro, phone 2-4428; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. McLean, 217 Maryal Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4933.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES and MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20816—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRassie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN and HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

Butchers 506 Pick Officers

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Pete Peterson, poultry; run-off between Katherine Cooper and Lela Lowery for wrappers; Fred Vierra, lockers.

Chaplain—Run-off between Reuben Anderson and George Gilbert.

Labor Council Delegates—Baldo Sanlovich and Robert Shinn.

WATSONVILLE

President—Francis Bilodeaux.

Vice President—William Berger.

Recording Secretary—David Montoya.

Financial Secretary—Earl A. Moorhead.

Guide and Guard—Run-off scheduled between William Bonita and Stanley Howes.

Executive Board—Clive Lambert, retail; Dan Steele, slaughterhouse.

Labor Council Delegate—Ray Sullivan.

SAN JOSE

President—Arthur Cox.

Vice President—Al Heisch.

Recording Secretary—Ray Volpe.

Financial Secretary—Earl A. Moorhead.

Guard—Run-off scheduled between Henry Caputo and Ralph Scalzo.

Executive Board—John Kinkey, journeyman; James Bracco, slaughterhouse workers; Cluff Gray, service sales drivers; Mildred Haden, wrappers; Olyde Cochran, truck drivers; Clyde Baker, boners; Nuncio Arioto, fish butchers; Edward Hill, apprentices.

Accuse Ike Regime Of Head-on Assault On Public Power

Miami, Fla. (LPA)—Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) charged that the Eisenhower Administration, private power lobbies and some members of Congress are staging "a massive head-on assault" on public power policies of the past 20 years.

He told the convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association that the private utilities are "rushing in for the kill," and that the Hoover Commission on Government Reorganization is "loaded against public power."

But Holifield predicted the attack would fail "because the people themselves will have something to say about that, and rather soon."

Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.) charged the Administration has carried on "a systematic scheme" of turning over the nation's natural and power resources to private utilities. He said Secretary of the Interior McKay was "a special pleader" for private utilities.

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143. Office, 84 S. First, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercurio, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyens; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Secy-Treas., Robt. F. Armstrong, Office at 313, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

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CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Otto E. Neve; Gen. Sec., James F. Ward, 1095 Market St., San Francisco; Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Elide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Mrs. Nora Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, phone 2-4231; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Emil Koubas, 231 Lobos, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1873.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracer, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent LeRoy Hasty, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Secy-Treas., Roy Humbrecht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 483—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P. G., phone 2-4745; Sec.-Treas., Robert F. Armstrong, office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6734.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Holt; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey. Office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Box 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin, Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster, Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley, Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Bernie Warrington, 1352 Military Ave., Seaside; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Haddovac, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grisin, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5218; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

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Dollar Volume Off, Armour Profits Leap 78 Per Cent!

New York (LPA)—Armour & Co. the nation's second largest packer, did 4.36 percent less business by dollar volume last year, but its per share profits leaped 78 percent.

General Mills, for the six months ended Nov. 30, boosted sales only 5 percent, but profits leaped 24 percent.

Net profits of US manufacturing corporations in the third quarter of 1953 were 11 percent higher than in the same period in 1952.

But personal income in November took the sharpest drop in 16 months.

Armour's sales measured by tonnage rose only 5.62 percent during the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 but earnings climbed from \$1.02 to \$1.81, net profits climbed from \$7,140,485 to \$10,339,164, an increase of 44 percent. And the 1953 fiscal year had 52 weeks, whereas the 1952 fiscal year had 53 weeks.

Frederick W. Specht, Armour president, explained that bigger cattle supplies were one of the main factors in the excellent showing, enabling Armour to lower processing and marketing expense per unit. Cattle slaughter was up 31 percent, Specht noted. He did not point out that farmers rushed cattle to market because of adverse weather conditions, and that they took a beating on prices.

General Mills earned \$2.18 per share against \$1.75 in 1952, sales went up 5 percent, but net climbed from \$4,327,154 to \$5,399,560, or 24 percent.

While net profits for all corporations were up 11 percent, some groups did considerably better. Profits for primary iron steel were up 86 percent; motor vehicles and parts 19 percent; tobacco 18 percent; petroleum refineries 17 percent; electrical machinery 14 percent; transportation equipment 11 percent; rubber 10 percent; fabricated metal 10 percent; nonferrous metals 12 percent; food 8 percent; paper 8 percent; textile mill products 7 percent; stone, clay and glass 7 percent; instruments 7 percent; products of petroleum and coal dropped 29 percent; lumber and wood 25 percent; leather 26 percent; apparel and finished textiles 17 percent; furniture and fixtures 17 percent; machinery 10 percent; printing and publishing 4 percent.

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Giant Utah Const. Co. Plans Another Project—New City

Talking about their various projects under way recently in their Salt Lake City office building, a group of men indicated very strong faith in the future of the San Francisco Bay Area when they decided to build a city of 28,000 on 5000 acres of land at Moraga in the hills in back of Oakland. This faith extended to an investment of \$4½ million for the land and \$200 million worth of streets, houses, and other improvements yet to come.

But then, Utah Construction Co. has faith in practically the whole world. While the Moraga project is taking shape, the same company directors are building town called San Paulo, complete with harbor and roads, on the west coast of Peru.

At the same time, the firm has housing developments in high gear at Mather Air Base, Sacramento; Wichita, Kans.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Scott Field, Ill.; Davenport, Iowa; Trinidad, Colo.; San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and other places. It wanted to build a city for 10,000 in the Arizona desert, but another firm got the contract. It has big, undisclosed plans for Vancouver Island, B.C.

The company has dams under way in Australia, lumber operations in Alaska, a fleet of four freighters sailing between San Francisco and company copper mines in Peru, contract work in Guam, iron mines in Utah, and other enterprises in Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, Texas, and Korea.

This huge enterprise is directed from a third-floor suite of offices at 1 Montgomery St., but also has offices in Salt Lake and other cities. Its board chairman is Marriner S. Eccles, former head of the Federal Reserve Board, who owns a home in San Francisco but maintains his residence in Utah. Operating HQ were moved to San Francisco from Utah some years ago, but directors still hold meetings in Utah and the firm is incorporated in that state.

It will be six months before bulldozers push dirt in the new city to be built near Oakland, but when she starts there will be 4400 homes, apartment buildings for 1800 families, 1800 "estate" homes, plus stores, streets, etc., and a tunnel thru the hills to make the new district just 12 minutes from downtown Oakland.

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Meany Praises Ike Message on Social Security

Washington (LPA)—AFL President Meany praised President Eisenhower's message on social security as "on the whole, a progressive and forward-looking program" but said the proposals do not go as far as the AFL "believes it is practical and desirable to go."

Meany said the program "retains and reemphasizes the sound principles" of the present system and seeks improvement "in a number of important particulars." He noted the extension of coverage, the increase in benefits, both for those now on OASI rolls and those newly coming into the roll, and improvements in benefits.

"The inequities encountered by those who become totally and permanently disabled are partially overcome through a provision which would protect their retirement rights through a waiver of premium," said Meany. "The recommendations provide for the gradual superceding of the public assistance system by the insurance system, but does not do this so abruptly as to cause hardship in any area."

In criticism, Meany noted the proposals do not raise the wage base as high as it should be raised; do not provide for payment of present benefits, before 65, to those permanently and totally disabled.

However, Meany pointed out, the proposals are "as forward-looking a program as the Administration has yet produced and they 'repudiate the irresponsible efforts' of the Chamber of Commerce and others to undermine the social insurance system. Meany said the AFL welcomes the Eisenhower recommendations "as a long step forward in preserving, improving and extending the American social security system."

Strict Control Of Union Welfare Funds Sought

Washington (LPA)—Rep. Samuel K. McConnell (R., Pa.), chairman of the House Labor committee, announced he would seek legislation for strict state or federal supervision of union welfare funds. He asserted he had received many complaints of "irregularities" in administration, and of "excessive charges." As to the biggest fund of all, the \$95 million trust fund of the United Mine Workers, McConnell said he had heard no complaints.

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Welfare Plan Pays Widow \$2,000

Allentown, Pa.—Shortly after a new welfare plan, including a \$2,000 life insurance policy, was won by the Bakery and Confectionary Workers Local 159 in an agreement with the Freihofer Baking Co., Paul Unangst went to work for the firm. Four months later, Unangst died. His widow received a \$2,000 check just before Christmas.

Injury Rate Drops To New Low in Manufacturing

Washington (LPA)—The injury rate in manufacturing dropped to a new low in the third quarter of 1953, with the decline contrary to the usual seasonal pattern. While the average of 13.9 disabling work injuries per million employee hours was 7 per cent below the previous third quarter low of 14.9 in 1952, the Bureau of Labor Statistics stressed that it also was 1 per cent below the 1953 second quarter average.

The unusual improvement in the third quarter brought the cumulative frequency rate for the first 9 months of 1953 to another new low—at 14, it was 5 per cent below the 1952 figure.

Most substantial improvement was in the lumbering industries, where strong union safety movements exist, but notable reductions also were scored by the furniture, primary metals, machinery and instrument manufacturing groups.

The bureau, a unit of the Labor Department, pointed out that many of the industries showing improvement still were in the high-frequency brackets. Logging again topped the list with a rate of 80.7 for the 8 months; sawmills not operating planing mills had a rate of 55.2, integrated saw and planing mills, 39.4. Structural clay products was among the more danderous industries with 37.6.

Industries with outstandingly low rates included synthetic fibers, 1.2; miscellaneous communication equipment and synthetic rubber, 3; rubber footwear and aircraft, 3.4; electric lamps, 3.6; explosives, 3.7; radio tubes, 3.8; electrical equipment for vehicles, 4.6.

10 Years of Organizing Finally Wins Contract

Philadelphia (LPA)—It took Local 37 of the Upholsterers International Union 10 years to organize Atlas Casket Co. here, but the effort finally paid off. Although the UIU won every unfair labor practice case against the company over the years, it lost every NLRB election except the last one.

Then, at last, came negotiations, with the company still pursuing its strategy of delay by switching lawyers. When bargaining seemed getting nowhere the workers struck. They were out only an hour—for which they were paid—when Atlas signed a standard union agreement with the UIU insurance program included.

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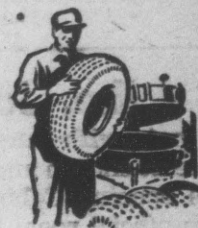
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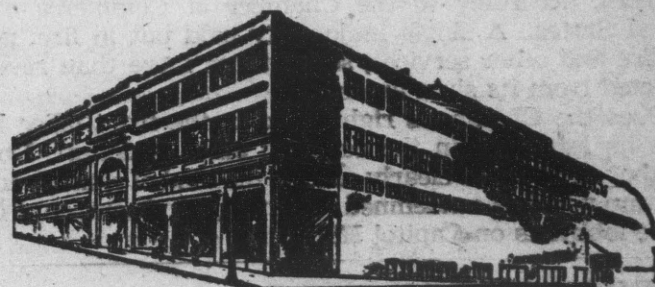


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Ike, Join Us in Prayer

We note with interest and approval President Ike's attendance at church and the emphasis he has placed on prayer such as opening Cabinet meetings with prayer and setting aside an official room for prayer.

If it not be out of place, we would like respectfully to suggest some subjects very close to our hearts in which the President and his associates might join with us in prayer.

We ask him to pray with us that the health of our people be removed from the crippling, fatal taint of monetary gain and that all who work and help make this nation prosperous be assured thru their own contributions a nation-wide system of medical care that is completely free of charity and the taint of money. We are sure Jesus would have had it this way.

We ask him to pray with us that all people who work for a living be given full chance to secure that wholesome assurance of a home of their own without having to spend virtually a lifetime in hard work paying for it, paying off to all sorts of middlemen who live off the wage-earner in his quest for the most elementary comforts.

We ask President Eisenhower to join our prayer that the elderly people of this land, those who work all their lives and make it the most prosperous land on earth, be granted freedom from toil at reasonable age in the early fifties, when industry will no longer have them, and their lives be made comfortable, secure, and dignified, so that our children will strive to attain this honor of senior citizenship.

We ask you, Mr. President, to join us in praying that nothing be left undone to open the way to talks, conferences, discussion, debate among the great powers of the world, so that we may become fully acquainted and understanding of each other and thus eventually remove the frightful costs of war, which should be going into homes and health for the world's peoples, and also remove forever the unbelievable spectre of scientific, civilized animals killing each other for lack of Christly understanding.

And finally, we ask you to pray with us that all in this land who are enriched by war, poor housing, high medical costs, and the misery of the lower classes—that these and others with them who seek to turn our laws, our money system, our government to their favor and advancement, be recognized by our leaders in government and be set back and restricted. They do the work of the devil under the name of sanctity, loyalty, and the divine right of property over human rights.

We ask these things in the name of simple justice and humanity. Amen.

Right Hand, Left Hand?

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has sent out this statement to the newspapers:

"Slums cost a city much more than they contribute in tax revenues, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. A single major city paid out in fire, police, welfare and other services, seven times more than revenues collected from its slum areas."

Does the Chamber's right hand in the front office know what its left hand in the research office is doing? Doesn't the above statement clearly call for the kind of slum clearance program which is condemned repeatedly by Chamber of Commerce lobbyists on Capitol Hill?

AFL: MEDICS RUIN HEALTH PLANS BY OVERCHARGING

Washington (LPA)—"Voluntary" health plans have failed, and organized medicine is partly to blame, Nelson Cruikshank, director of social insurance activities for the AFL, told the House Commerce Committee.

"The American Federation of Labor," he testified, "favors a federal program of national health insurance . . . because . . . we are convinced that this is the only practical way in which the job that needs to be done can be done within the framework of a free and democratic society."

Also testifying at the same hearings was President Al Hayes of the International Association of Machinists, who said "our fee-at-the-time-of-service system of financing personal medical care has broken down under mounting costs" and "our attempts to find a substitute for that traditional system have

been haphazard and inadequate."

ROBIN HOOD THEORY

The committee, headed by Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R., N.J.), is studying legislation to help ease the burdens of medical and hospital costs for American citizens.

Cruikshank said present group plans are "grossly inadequate" because they cover only major or "catastrophic" expenses and make no provision for prevention, many fail to cover whole families, they meet only a fraction of the costs, they overcrowd hospitals because most do not cover nonhospital care, and they tempt doctors into jacking up their fees, charging "all the traffic will bear."

Referring to "pious condemnations" of fee-hiking by the American Medical Association, Cruikshank added ". . . until the officials of the AMA and local medical societies throughout the country show a greater willingness to sit down and work out with consumer groups a reasonable schedule of fees which they will accept as a standard and as full payment for services rendered, their self-righteous disclaimers will remain singularly unconvincing."

He blamed the hiked fees on the profession's own "Robin Hood theory" of soaking those who are able to pay to compensate themselves for "services they render, or allege that they render, to the poor," noting that the spread of insurance plans has reduced such free services. Certain "nonprofit" plans, he said, are controlled by the very doctors to whom the fees are paid at rates they establish. "However honest," he said, "no one can be entrusted with spending another person's money economically when it is primarily a matter of paying himself."

AMA WELFARE PLAN

He noted that "Medical ethics . . . seems to have come a very long way from the day when it was designed and served primarily as a protection for the lay patient" and it is a debatable question whether the ethics of the profession as applied in some cases is a safeguard for the patient or an instrument for the mutual protection and benefit of the medical fraternity."

Rapping the profession's "rule or ruin" approach to all prepayment plans, he concluded "It is a tragic and ironic fact that the greatest single barrier that stands between the citizens of America and ready access to good medical care for all is the obstructionist attitude of organized medicine."

Hayes asked for a seven-point program, as an approach toward national health insurance, including increased federal grants to medical education, a broadened hospital construction program, aid to group health plans, expanded research, insurance for catastrophic illness and a national health loan agency to help low-income families to buy health insurance.



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One of the changes incorporated in the 1952 amendments of the Social Security Act is the liberalization of the retirement test. A person getting benefit payments may now earn up to \$75 a month and still receive her Social Security payments. If she is 75 years of age or older, the benefit becomes an annuity and not a retirement and she may draw her benefits and still earn any amount in any kind of employment.

Sally, who had been a secretary in one of the industrial plants, was retired at the end of June 1953. Having an average wage of \$200 a month, she was entitled to a Social Security benefit of \$70 a month. This was quite a reduction in income and she wanted to know what she could earn to supplement this benefit.

It was pointed out to her that this was a retirement benefit and there were certain limitations on earnings. If she should go into business for herself, she could earn an average of \$75 a month and still receive her Social Security benefits. Then too, if she worked at a part-time job as an employee, she could earn as much as an additional \$75 a month without stopping her Social Security benefits. This information pleased Sally as she had an offer of a typing job working three hours a day for wages of \$15 a week. This would be under the \$75 a month and would greatly increase her income.

You, like Sally, may have an unanswered Social Security question. For correct answers, get in touch with the Social Security field office at the address below.

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AFL and CIO Assail U.S. Handling of 'Wetback' Problem

Washington (LPA)—Terming "shockingly inadequate" U.S. Government handling of the ever-increasing illegal immigration of "wetbacks" from Mexico, the AFL and CIO called on President Eisenhower to lead in "overcoming the truly scandalous conditions that exist."

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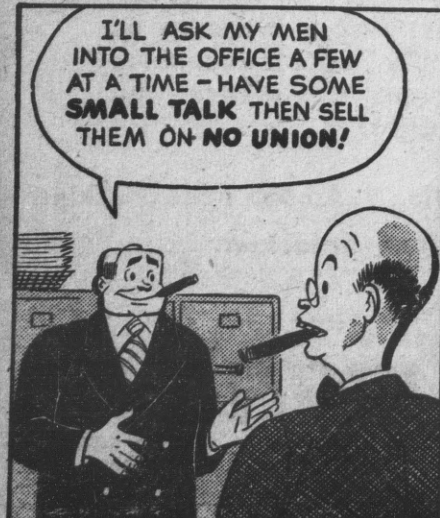
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Mr. and Mrs. Meany on Ed Murrow's Show



Here's an at-home view of AFL President George Meany and Mrs. Meany as they appeared on Ed Murrow's "Person to Person" TV program which was telecast over the ABC network. This picture was taken in the living room of the Meany home in Bethesda, Md., where the labor leader and his wife answered questions by Murrow in New York. Quizzed about the New York election, Meany said the prime interest of the AFL was to free the longshoremen from the "clutches of racketeers."

CHURCHES - UNIONS THE SAME IDEALS

Richmond, Va. (LPA)—"The democratic structure of the American Federation of Labor is very similar to the democratic structure of the Protestant church," John L. Cooper told the Baptist church here. "Members of organized labor, just like members of this church, have both the right and the responsibility to vote on how their organization shall be conducted."

Cooper, 42, is the son of the Rev. Murphy R. Cooper, pastor of the Baptist Church for many years. Now president of the Los Angeles Joint Board of the Culinary Workers, Bartenders & Hotel Service Workers, he made the church talk on invitation when he visited his old Richmond home.

He enlisted as a private in World War II, rose to the rank of captain, and jumped with his men into Normandy during the invasion that became the Battle of the Bulge. He has three American decorations, and one each from Holland, France and Belgium.

The AFL, Cooper told the congregation, "is dedicated to the kind of high ideals so beloved to members of this church. The union movement, by uniting mankind in the quest of fair wages and conditions of employment, is aimed primarily at providing decent food and clothing and shelter for working people and their families."

"But in cooperating in the pursuit of material needs, members of organized labor learn the spiritual values arising from the brotherhood of man. The churches, too, are unions in that they seek members from the community of men to join together in the common cause of worship, of brotherly love and assistance to those in need."

"The big difference between most unions and most churches is that the members misunderstand each other."

Cooper quit high school at 14, worked as a merchant seaman for the next four years, returned home, passed the entrance exams for the University of Virginia, spent a year there. But his money ran out and in 1932 he came to Los Angeles, took a job in a quick-lunch cafe, and soon began organizing. He signed up 90 per cent of the staff, and was promptly fired. He rose in the labor movement, became secretary of the California State Culinary Alliance in 1941. Then came the war. Afterward he returned to his job with Local 440,

became president of both the local and the joint board.

He's still busy organizing the 40 per cent of the industry not yet in the union.

Jobless-Pay Unit In Oregon Goes in For Union-Busting

Portland, Ore. (LPA) — Union members are being subjected to new indignities when they apply for unemployment compensation, according to reports reaching the Portland Central Labor Council.

Mrs. Jettie Lebor, business agent for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, told the council that a referee for the state unemployment commission told an ILGWU member to look for work in nonunion as well as union establishments in order to substantiate her claim that she was unavoidably unemployed.

Council President Bill Way, business agent for the Boilermakers, revealed that another referee is requiring skilled craftsmen to seek work outside their trade before qualifying for benefits. Previously, union members were allowed claims if they showed that their union hiring halls had no work for them. Now they have to go "on the street."

C. T. Crane, Barbers' business agent, said the commission is telling workers crippled in industrial accidents to give up looking for work in their own crafts and to go into oarboering and that several have done so.

Harry Shulman, Arbitrator, New Yale Law Dean

New Haven (LPA)—Prof. Harry Shulman, nationally known as an arbitrator of labor disputes, has been named dean of the Yale Law School. He will succeed Wesley A. Sturges on July 1.

AMA Blasted; Challenged to Produce Ideas

(AFL Release)
The American Medical Association went on the defensive after Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R., N.J.) criticized the AMA for having branded various public health proposals as "socialized medicine" without presenting a plan of its own.

Dr. Frank E. Wilson, director of the AMA Washington office, told a reporter Wolverton "is putting us at a disadvantage."

"It's not our business," he said, "to propose a health plan to help solve the problems of soaring medical costs for the average citizen."

"The AMA goes no further," he continued, "than endorsing the broad principle of health programs."

Dr. Edward J. McCormick, AMA president, said in Chicago that, "The actual fact is that the cost of health services has not risen as much in the last 10 years as the general cost of living."

Wolverton challenged leaders of the physicians' organization to come to Washington with some constructive ideas. Wolverton's Commerce Committee is holding hearings on health plans. The Representative has a bill which would set up a health service reinsurance corporation with federal funds to pay two-thirds of any hospital bill over \$1000 for any individual. It would also provide for a reinsurance premium charge of two per cent on gross payments received by approved associations on all health contracts.

Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, Chicago, chairman of former President Truman's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, said that group health plans cover only about 15 per cent of private expenditures for medical care. It concentrates too much, he said, on minor illnesses.

"It spends far too much time and money processing small claims for \$5 and \$10 medical bills," Magnuson said. Too many of the medical plans exclude "in fine print" the big medical expenses which "break the back of the average wage earner," the witnesses continued.

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Fish & Game News . . .

10,250 Tons o' Tuna

Terminal Island—California's commercial fishing fleet delivered 10,250 tons of tuna and 2100 tons of mackerel to the canneries during October, according to figures compiled by the marine fisheries branch of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Tuna deliveries were about one-third less than the September figures of 15,000 tons. Albacore took its normal seasonal drop, with only 1000 tons delivered, compared to 5000 tons during September.

Pacific mackerel outdistanced jack mackerel deliveries for the first time since the start of the season, with 1200 tons tallied. Jack mackerel landings totaled 920 tons. Much of the Pacific mackerel catch, however, was made up of half-pound baby fish. Fullgrown mackerel usually weigh at least one and a-half to two pounds.

Anchovy deliveries totaled 1650 tons, against 3200 for September.

New Bass Tag

Antioch, Contra Costa County—A new type of striped bass tag developed by the California Department of Fish and Game proved its worth last month when a Fresno angler caught a big striper that had been tagged 3½ years earlier.

Dennis B. Wheeler (of 245 Clinton Avenue, Fresno) didn't realize at the time that he was landing a record catch. The 18-pound fish carried a tag longer than any California striper on record, and probably the longest of any striper anywhere.

Wheeler's fish was among the first to be decorated with the state's new Petersen disc type tag, made of cellulose nitrate plastic and secured by stainless steel wire. The life expectancy of older types of tags was no longer than 18 months.

By returning his tag to the Department's Sacramento office, Wheeler becomes eligible for the annual outboard motor drawing conducted by the Bethel Island Rod and Gun Club.

White Catfish Tag

Oakland—A white catfish tagged in Disappointment Slough by the California Department of Fish and Game brought a pleasant surprise worth \$100 to fisherman J. C. Walker of Merced.

The tag which Walker returned to the Department was the winner in the annual prize drawing conducted by the Foothill Sportsmen's Club of Oakland. A total of 251 catfish tags were returned in 1953. The club will award another \$100 cash prize next January for one of the catfish tags turned in during 1954.

Bobcats in Coast Mts.

Sacramento—Trappers of the California Department of Fish and Game accounted for 410 predatory animals during October. The bag included 63 coyotes, 35 bobcats, and 5 mountain lions. Nine mountain lions were bountied by private hunters.

The trappers spent a total of 336 days in the field, to average slightly better than 1.2 animals for each day's work.

Almost half the coyotes—29—were trapped in Lassen, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties. Sixteen were caught in Inyo County. Ventura and San Benito each accounted for eight bobcats.

Rock Fish, Mackerel

Terminal Island—Rockfish, kelp bass, and jack mackerel were the mainstays for the 18,000 ocean anglers who went out on public party boats during October, according to skippers' catch reports, compiled by the California Department of Fish and Game.

The seagoing sports fishermen landed 57,600 rockfish, 22,500 kelp bass and 11,000 jack mackerel, out of a total catch of 114,600 fish. In Northern California, 4300 San Francisco party boat anglers took 6200 salmon.

Winter Fish Grounds

Los Angeles—While most California anglers are holed up for the winter, others are camping out beside one of the world's strangest fishing waters and enjoying good catches.

The Department of Fish and Game reports that sportsmen have been landing many mullet and gulf croakers from the desert-bound Salton Sea, 237 feet below sea level. The mullet are natives, but the croakers were planted there by the Department in recent years.

A winter survey showed that the progeny of the original croaker plant have become abundant and are providing excellent salt-water fishing.

So little is known about the fish and fishing potential of the 48-year-old inland sea, that it might well be labelled a "mystery lake." Over the years, more than a dozen game fish species have been introduced with varying results—most of them unfavorable.

Now that at least one species has caught on in the hot, salty water, the Department wants to know more about it. Thus the invitation to California anglers to take part in the unusual winter sport. Observations of the fishing effort will give fisheries biologists some important clues for future management of the 416-square mile lake.

Although the Salton Sea angler may reasonably expect to hook up with any of a score of fish species ranging from carp to ocean sea bass, the best bet now is the croaker, the Department's Los Angeles office advises. Limited success has been recorded using a small spinner, but the fish may be caught more readily on number 12 hooks baited with small pieces of the dark red flesh from the side of a mullet.

One of the strangest of angling sports is the catching of mullet with the bare hands. At this time of the year they may be driven near the shallow deltas of the Sea's tributaries and picked up legally by hand, hook and line or dip nets over six feet in diameter.

Other advice from the state agency on fishing the Salton:

Angling from a boat is recommended, but occasional high winter winds make the shallow waters dangerous; a 1954 angling license is required; do not disturb the ocean shellfish planted there by the state; just where the fish are found most often is still unknown, so check beforehand with local residents and later tell Department employees of your experiences.

First Detailed Photo Of Photosynthesis Site

Los Angeles—For the first time nature's fabulous factory—the chloroplast, site of photosynthesis—has been photographed in detail.

Made with an electron microscope, the photograph is the work of two scientists on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. They are Dr. Morris Cohen of the plant physiology laboratory and Edward Bowler of the engineering department.

The picture shows an ultra-thin section of the tobacco leaf chloroplast. In it can be seen in excellent detail the disc-like grana, which house the chlorophyll. This is the first photo to reveal the laminate structure of the grana.

It may prove an excellent means to help unravel some of the mysteries of the process by which nature manufactures so many compounds out of "thin air."

General Increase Of \$2.50 to \$4.50 Awarded AP Workers

New York (LPA)—A general increase of \$2.50 to \$4.50 has been awarded to all Associated Press employees covered by the American Newspaper Guild contract. William E. Simkin, impartial arbitrator, made the award, joined by the two ANG members of the board. The AP members dissented.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020 MONTEREY COUNTY

Teacher Union 1020 Holds Regular Monthly Membership Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

At the regular monthly meeting of AFT 1020 held on January 18, Treasurer Keith McKillop reported an increase in membership.

DUES INCREASED

A budget of activities and their cost was presented to the membership and it was decided that in order to finance the program dues should be raised from the previous twelve dollars per year to twenty dollars per year. The increase was thoroughly discussed after which the motion to make the increase was unanimously passed.

MONTEREY TEACHERS INTERESTED IN CREDIT UNION

Wayne Edwards, a Monterey High School member, reported some interest among Monterey teachers in possibly starting a teachers credit union in Monterey.

SALINAS TEACHERS CREDIT UNION OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY

The Salinas Area Teachers Federal Credit Union was started a few years ago by Don Thompson while he was president of AFT 1020. In order to take in as many Salinas teachers as possible it was made available to all local teachers. Its deposits and money on loan constantly increased and the credit union is now operating very successfully. Teacher deposits receive a higher rate of interest on savings than they would get at a bank and

when they borrow from the credit union they have to pay less interest than the bank rate. Don Thompson, Washington Junior High teacher, is treasurer of the Salinas teachers credit union.

SALARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Woodworth, Salary Committee Chairman, reported on studies that his committee is making preparatory to taking salary proposals to the school board at a later date. His committee is attempting to collaborate with other teacher groups so that a well prepared and united plan may be agreed upon.

BOROUGH ON PH. D. REQUIREMENTS

Dr. B. L. ("Pete") Borough, of Hartnell College and Vice-President of AFT 1020, gave an interesting informal talk on how Ph. D. requirements are completed at Stanford University.

ORGANIZER SNOW ILL

A telegram was recently received from AFT Organizer Dr. F. C. ("Ted") Snow, saying he was on his way to Salinas but before his arrival he was taken ill and is now convalescing at his home in Buena Park, a suburb of Los Angeles.

CALIF. FED. OF TEACHERS EXEC. COUNCIL MEETS FEBRUARY 20

The Executive Council of the Calif. Fed. of Teachers, state organization composed of teacher union locals, will meet in Richmond on February 20. AFT 1020 will send one or more delegates.

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Bad Colds

Seems like the number of union officials unable to work at times because of severe colds is growing. Last week's list included Dial H. Miles, secretary of the Building Trades Council; Wray D. Empie, business agent of Laborers 272, and Earl Choate, business agent of Machinists Union 1824.

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Nixon Admirer Named by Ike to Make NLRB 3 to 2

Washington (LPA)—As his first nomination in the new session of Congress, President Eisenhower named a Republican who has represented the interests of management throughout his career to complete the membership of the National Labor Relations Board.

Albert C. Beeson, industrial relations director for Food Machinery & Chemical Corp., which has 42 plants throughout the country, joined the board following Senate confirmation. For the past six months, since the resignation of Paul M. Styles, whose unexpired term ending Dec. 16 Beeson fills, the board had operated with only four members. Beeson thus becomes the tie-breaker.

The board had been postponing important cases involving what NLRB Chairman Guy Farmer, also an Eisenhower appointee, has described as "re-examinations" of past NLRB interpretations of the Taft-Hartley Act. Even without Beeson, the board in several recent rulings has shifted its stand to the detriment of labor, notably in giving employers the right to address captive audiences of workers without unions having a similar right.

Beeson, at his office in San Jose, Calif., said he has been a friend and great admirer of Vice President Nixon for many years. Both Nixon and Farmer supported his appointment. Beeson said the Administration had felt it important that there should be on the board "someone who is not a lawyer and who has had everyday plant experience with labor and who has taken part in contract negotiations." He undertook to find a man to meet the specifications, which included West Coast representation on the board, and "wound up being the guy," he declared.

The third man appointed by Eisenhower is Philip Ray Rodgers. Holdovers from the Truman Administration are Ivar Peterson and former senator Abe Murdock.

Beeson's appointment is important to organized labor because in cases where the present board reversed previous policy, decisions have gone against unions. Held in the board's "ice box" are more than 20 cases where its members split 2 to 2, and there are others which were delayed because discussions indicated they would end up in a tie vote.

Well! Will You Read This!

(Dept. of Employment Release)

Increased service to the public will result from the earlier opening of local offices of the California Department of Employment, William A. Burkett, director of the department, said in announcing that local employment offices are now opening from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"Unemployed persons looking for jobs will no longer have to stand outside our offices for half an hour waiting for our doors to open," Burkett declared. "The purpose of our department is to serve the public, not to keep them standing out in the cold. We intend to provide that service for a full day and thus increase the number of persons we can find jobs for."

Plans are also being made to speed the payment of unemployment insurance, Burkett said.

"We are slashing the red tape so that persons entitled to benefits will receive them promptly," the director declared.

Jobless Ranks Increase 422,000 Over November

Washington (LPA)—The number of jobless in December was 1,850,000, an increase of 422,000 over November, and 425,000 more than in December 1952. The Commerce Department reported 60,764,000 employed in December, as against 61,925,000 in November and 61,900,000 in December 1952.

MEXICO RELATIONS MENACED BY WAGE SLAVERY, AFL WARNS

(AFL Release)

President Eisenhower was called upon by the American Federation of Labor to take the leadership in "overcoming the truly scandalous conditions that exist" in the ever-growing flood of illegal "wetbacks" migrating from Mexico.

George Meany, AFL president, in his letter to the President, said that an unilateral program was planned after the

Mexico-U.S. agreement expired Jan. 15. It was pointed out that this can mean exploitation of Mexican workers at depressed pay—adversely affecting "American wage earners and family farmers."

CONSULTATION URGED

Consultation with union representatives on the situation was urged by the AFL, along with a program (1) to increase the border guard; (2) to improve recruitment of U.S. citizens for farm jobs; (3) penalizing employers who knowingly hire illegal "wetback" emigrants, and (4) drastic revision of the present slack procedures for certifying that foreign workers are needed and for determining their wages and conditions.

Meany's letter to the President follows:

"Grave damage both to the standards of American workers and to relations between this country and Mexico is being done by the shockingly inadequate way in which the United States Government is handling the ever-growing flood of illegal entrants from Mexico and the programs for bringing in foreign contract labor for use on farms.

"Since the present agreement with Mexico has been extended only until Jan. 15, and since you will be making recommendations for legislation and appropriations in the near future, we urge that you give leadership in overcoming the truly scandalous conditions that exist."

STRAIN ON RELATIONS

"The Director of the Bureau of Employment Security of the U.S. Department of Labor has informed us that if by Jan. 15 'a satisfactory agreement is not reached with Mexico, it is our plan to join with the Departments of State and Justice in recommending a proposal for continuing a similar program on a unilateral basis.' Such unilateral action would precipitate a most unfortunate situation by exposing Mexicans to exploitation without any protection from their own government and by straining our relations with Mexico. Instead of such a drastic step, a constructive, cooperative program should be developed after adequate consideration of the workers' viewpoint.

"As the agreement has operated, the Mexican contract workers have too often been utilized for work which would have been performed by U.S. residents if the wages and other conditions of employment and living had been adequate. Organized growers in areas along the border, and indeed in many states farther north, prefer to use Mexican contract nationals as against free American workers because the former can be removed from the area whenever desired.

"While theoretically the contract workers are to receive prevailing rates, in practice the actual or expected presence of thousands of Mexican workers depresses wage rates and adversely affects American wage earners and family farmers. During the past year hundreds of union members in the packing sheds of California have lost their jobs because lettuce packing was carried on at substandard rates by Mexican contract workers, contrary to the intent of Congress.

SKIP CONTRACTS

"Mexican workers have repeatedly found that the growers have not provided the expected income or living conditions and they have not been permitted to organize effectively to enforce contract terms and protest gross abuses. As a result, thousands have skipped their contracts and gone to industrial

areas, swelling the ranks of the several million illegal entrants estimated to come here each year.

"The abuses to which the illegal entrants are subject are even greater, since any effort to insist on decent conditions may well result in deportation without payment of wages due. The depressing effect on American job opportunities and wages is very severe in certain areas, and cities as well as rural areas are confronted with serious health problems from 'the miserable unsupervised conditions under which these 'wetbacks' live.

"Our friendly relations with Mexico are threatened by these growing evils through the natural resentments aroused among workers of both nations.

"The difficult and complex problems resulting from Mexican migration require a vigorous, comprehensive program for constructive solution. In regard to contract workers, basic improvements are required in the agreement and in administrative procedures.

"At a conference held in December between representatives of the Mexican and United States unions, it was agreed that full participation of the unions in the negotiation would be requested, so that the needs of the working people could be properly dealt with. Proposed changes in the agreement were also adopted, including strict enforcement, extension of the principles of Mexican labor legislation where there does not exist better legislation in the United States, full protection of collective bargaining rights of Mexican workers, and participation of the unions of both countries in the formulation of individual work contracts.

AFL DEEPLY INTERESTED

"We therefore strongly urge that union representatives be fully consulted either through participation in formal negotiations or through close collaboration if some other method of handling legal migration of Mexican workers is developed.

"We are also deeply interested in other essential steps such as adequate appropriations and powers to enable the Immigration and Naturalization Service to halt would-be illegal entrants; adequate appropriations for the U.S. Department of Labor to improve the recruitment of U.S. citizens for farm jobs; penalizing employers who knowingly hire 'wetbacks' through immediately disallowing their wages as expenses for income tax purposes and through new legislation; and drastic revision of the present slack procedures for certifying that foreign workers are needed and for determining their wages and conditions.

"I am sure that if you have time to familiarize yourself with existing abuses, you will be shocked and insist on remedies, many of which are possible through executive action."

Mgt. Man Named by Eisenhower to Make NLRB 3-2 Republican

Washington (LPA)—Albert C. Beeson of San Jose, Calif., an industrial relations director who has served management interests during his entire career, was named by President Eisenhower to the National Labor Relations Board. Beeson thus became the tie-breaker, with three members Republicans, two holdovers from the Truman Administration.

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ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: Our insurance policies will be changed from West Coast Life Insurance Co. to Occidental Life Insurance Company as of March 1, 1954. There will be no changes in benefits, but the Occidental Company will be more beneficial to us at a later date since the majority of our Welfare Plans are covered by this company.

It is very important that we have your correct address and if you have any changes as to beneficiary, please make these changes now so that you may receive your policy in good order.

Attention, seasonal workers, regarding your insurance coverage: Many of our members wish to carry their life insurance coverage, but fail to inform this office at the proper time. Please remember that if you wish to pay for your insurance after you are finished working, your current months dues must be paid before you can pay the additional \$6 for 6 months coverage. Many members go on a withdrawal card at the end of the month, but wait until the middle of the next month to request for continuation of insurance coverage. This is out of order, since the premiums are mailed to the company the first of each month, and your insurance should be paid on or before the first of each month, the same as your dues.

Remember to pay your dues on or before the first of every month. If you do this, you will always be in good standing and also avoid any penalty for delinquency.

Your secretary spent a few days in El Centro, checking the produce set-up with Brother Gibbons of Local 898. They expect to be in full operation in the next week or two. However, most jobs have been very slow to date.

Meetings will be held on the 28th

and 29th of this month in San Francisco regarding the beer drivers agreement. The drivers of this Local recently voted to have Bro. George Leonard of the Joint Committee, AFL, negotiate this contract, and eventually there will be only one beer drivers contract in California covering all beer drivers.

Meetings are being held with D'Arrigo Brothers this week and we hope to report a favorable settlement in our next bulletin.

COUNTRY BUMPKIN

As the conductor called out the names of the various streets, the country couple became more and more uneasy. The conductor called Rosewood, then Maple, then Revello. The country man grew very fidgety and, turning to his wife, said "Isn't it time we got off?" "Don't show your ignorance, Pa," said his wife, "wait until your name is called."

Here is a list of January Blood Donors: George Twisselman, Earl Ritchey, Roy Johnson, Louis Escher, Harold Edrington, Mrs. Virgil Criger, Richard Coyle, Louis Carbari.

No doubt many have blessed you for your donation; and we are proud of our honor roll of Teamster donors that we have at the union office. We sincerely hope we may be able to add new names each month. **REMEMBER BLOOD BANK** in Salinas, the first Monday of every month.

The following members have benefited by the Teamsters Security Health and Welfare Plan, in January: Otto Boatman, Milton Boch, Ernest Celaya, Solon Evans, A. A. Griffiths, Leroy Hackin, Edwin Hartshorn, Jack Irelan, George Leonard, Gordon Laurie, George Noble, Earl Randolph, James Stevens, John Taylor, Bruce Townsend, Harry Unti.

It may be interesting to know how many dollars have been paid in claims. We will take one division only, Bakery Drivers, to date, \$16,006.18 in claims has been paid to the bakery drivers and their families. This is only a very small portion of members of this Local receiving claims through the Health and Welfare Plan.

Don't Break the Law!

If you place equipment within 6 feet of overhead electric power lines, **YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW.** You can be jailed for this. You should not even place equipment in a position where, if you were to swing it around, it would come within 6 feet of the lines. (State Safety Orders.)

Don't let your equipment get into a position where, when boomed up, it may buckle or whip back and touch overhead electric power lines.

Men have been killed even by contacting low voltage circuits of 110 and 220 volts.

IF YOU FIND YOU CANNOT DO A JOB WITHOUT BREAKING THE LAW, TELL THE POWER COMPANY. They will help you.

Hypnotism has become a reputable diagnostic and therapeutic tool in general medicine as well as psychiatry, according to a professor of psychology on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

Lumber, Sawmill Workers Ask More Political Action

(State Fed. Release)

Strong support for labor political action and opposition to the importation of British West Indian farm workers keynoted the closing sessions of the annual convention of the AFL California Council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers held recently in San Francisco.

Representing more than 20,000 lumber and sawmill workers, the state AFL organization also went on record favoring:

1. Affiliation of all locals with the California State Federation of Labor, and
2. Full resistance to the weakening provisions of the Eisenhower T-H amendment.

C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the California State Federation of Labor, delivered the major convention address. He cited the increasing danger of reactionism on state and national political levels, and warned that only efficient political action can preserve the gains of the past 20 years.

The convention returned all incumbents to office. Re-elected were William H. Knight, president; Robert Giesick, vice-president; Joseph L. Hazard, secretary-treasurer; William N. Abbay, Jr., warden; Howard Gage, conductor. Renamed as trustees were W. A. David, Milo Martinovich and Harold Isbell.

Returned as district representatives were Stanley Jordan, Kenneth Little, L. N. Douglass, N. G. Cordil and C. O. "Spud" Taylor.

Medicine Cabinet Required

The State Legislature enacted the following legislation, effective September 8, 1953—Section 2440 of the Labor Code:

Every person operating a factory or shop, or conducting any business in which power machinery is used for any manufacturing purpose, except for elevators or for heating or hoisting apparatus, where five or more persons are employed, shall at all times keep and maintain, in some accessible place upon the premises upon which such factory, shop or business is located, free of expense to the employees, a medical or surgical chest. The chest shall contain an adequate assortment of absorbent lint, absorbent cotton, sterilized gauze, plain and medicated, adhesive plaster, cotton and gauze bandages, one tourniquet, one pair scissors, one pair tweezers, one jar carbolized petrolatum, one bottle antiseptic solution, and one first aid manual, all of which shall cost not less than six dollars (\$6). The chest shall be used in the treatment of persons injured or taken ill upon the premises. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50), for every week during which the violation continues.

This is a restatement of a law passed in 1913; in fact the list of materials that must be maintained is identical with that required 40 years ago, though some are known by different names today.

AFL Scores Victory In Move for New Vote By N.Y. Longshoremen

New York (LPA)—AFL charges that voting among longshoremen in this port was held in "an atmosphere of fear, violence and intimidation" were confirmed by the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board. He recommended public hearings on setting aside the election, which had given the old ousted International Longshoremen's Association a lead of 1492 with 4399 votes challenged. The report was called "a tremendous victory" for the AFL in its demand for a new poll.

Study Earthquake Effect on Buildings

Los Angeles—A battery of "built-in" earthquake instruments and a mechanical brain have combined to give the first thorough analysis of a building's response to an earthquake.

The building was the Engineering Building on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. The earthquake was the California tremor of August 23, 1952.

Differential equations to determine building strains and deflections during the quake were devised by R. A. Brisbane, graduate engineering student. These involved recordings from a seismograph in the building.

The equations were solved on UCLA's mechanical brain under the supervision of G. A. Bekey. Strain and deflection measurements made by strain gauges built

into the Engineering Building during construction were correlated with the mathematical computations.

It was found that rotation of floors increased slightly with higher floors and that rotary motion of the building was about 95 per cent of the side-to-side motion.

Through such mathematical equations it may some day be possible to predict building response to various intensities of earthquakes. Such difficult to estimate structural factors as distribution and center of mass, type and magnitude of stiffness, and center of rigidity included in the equations make present predictions subject to inaccuracies.

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